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REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 through 18 remain in this application. No claims have been cancelled or withdrawn. Claim 19 has been added.

Parts 1 through 4 of the Office Action

Claims 1, 3, 4, 10 and 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Koziol.

Claims 2, 5 through 7, 15 and 16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Koziol in view of Harrill.

Claims 8 and 9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Koziol in view of Oslin.

Claims 12 and 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Koziol in view of McGuire.

Claim 1, particularly as amended, requires:

wherein said rotating assembly includes:

- a driven pulley mounted on said shaft member;
- a first arm having a first end and a second end, said first end being pivotally mounted on said roasting enclosure;
- a motor mounted on said first arm toward said second end of said first arm to permit pivoting of said motor with respect to said roasting enclosure;
- a driver pulley mounted on a shaft of said motor;
- a second arm having a first segment and a second segment pivotally mounted together, said first segment being rotatably mounted on said roasting enclosure, said second segment being mounted to said first arm such that said first and second segments

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pivot with respect to each other when said first arm pivots on said
roasting enclosure;

wherein said driver pulley is movable toward and away from
said driven pulley when said first arm is pivoted.

It is submitted that the cited patents, and especially the allegedly
obvious combination of Koziol, Harill, Oslin, and McGuire set forth in the
rejection of the Office Action, would not lead one skilled in the art to the
applicant's invention as required by claim 1, as well as the claims that
depend from claim 1.

Further, claim 10 requires "a linear actuator assembly operationally
coupled to a side of said roasting enclosure and said door, said linear
actuator assembly including a first portion of said linear actuator assembly
coupled to said door and a second portion of said linear actuator assembly
coupled to said roasting enclosure, said linear actuator assembly being
linearly extensible and retractable such that extension of said linear
actuator assembly causes said door to open and retraction of said linear
actuator assembly causes said door to close".

It is also submitted that the cited prior art would not lead one of
ordinary skill in the art to the requirements of claim 10.

Withdrawal of the §102(b) and §103(a) rejections of claims 1 through
10 and 12 through 16 therefore respectfully requested.

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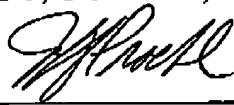
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CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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